

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF MINNESOTA

Basim Sabri, Marty Schulenberg, Mohamed
Cali, Jay Webb, and Zachary Metoyer,

Plaintiffs,

Court File No. 15-CV-01578 (ADM/SER)

vs.

AFFIDAVIT OF BASIM SABRI

City of Minneapolis, a municipal corporation,
and the Whittier Alliance, a Minnesota
not-for-profit corporation,

Defendants.

STATE OF MINNESOTA)
)SS
COUNTY OF HENNEPIN)

Basim Sabri, being first duly sworn, states and alleges as follows:

1. I am one of the Plaintiffs in the above-entitled matter.
2. I have been active in the Whittier neighbor for over 25 years. This activity has included the following:
 - a. I have bought and sold over 50 properties in the neighborhood.
 - b. I currently own seven properties in the neighborhood, including both 320 commercial businesses and residential properties, which include over 100 residential units.
 - c. I have attended literally hundreds of meetings relating to Whittier Alliance.
 - d. I have actively participated in the Whittier graffiti cleanup program and have donated my equipment for use of the Whittier Alliance.

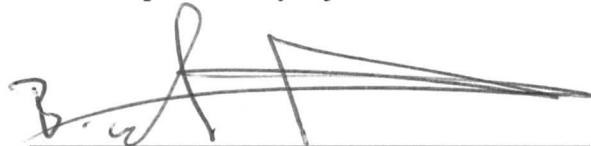
- e. I have participated in the startups of hundreds of businesses in the Whittier neighborhood.
3. I was actively involved in attempting to get the Whittier Alliance to recognize Somali businesses in the neighborhood since at least 2012. The following communications document some of these attempts.
- a. Exhibit A is a true and correct copy of an email thread spanning May 30, 2012 through June 14, 2012, between Whittier Alliance Executive Director Marian Biehn, myself and copies to Plaintiff Mohamed Cali. The list at the end of the exhibit was referred to in the email chain and attached to at least one of the emails. Of particular note are the following assurance from Ms. Biehn:
 - i. "... I will take the list and follow up with it. Thank you for sending it to me. I will be stopping by the businesses to introduce myself and get the balance of the information that is needed. This is standard procedure, no need for concern. Given the length of it, it will take a bit of time to catch up with everyone but it will get done." June 8, 2012.
 - ii. The Somali businesses that are interested in being in the directory will be listed. It is not as instant as you expect since we don't have an IT person on staff who does updates. Instead, we rely on the availability of volunteers. Also, there is some missing information we need to get from the business owners. Since it is not your listing and you are not the boss of the Somali businesses, I will follow through on getting the information. ..."
- June 14, 2012.

- b. Exhibit B is a true and correct copy of a letter dated February 14, 2013 that I wrote and addressed to Marian Biehn. As of that date, there had been no meaningful follow through by Ms. Biehn as promised on June 8th and June 14th, 2012 as quoted above. Therefore I sent this letter providing a new list with signatures from the various business owners requesting inclusion.
 - c. Exhibit C is a true and correct copy of the email exchange with Whittier Alliance Executive Director Marian Biehn, and myself spanning March 19, 2013 to March 20, 2013 in further attempts to get cooperation from Ms. Biehn and Whittier Alliance.
- 4. It is my belief that Ms. Biehn and Whittier Alliance, despite early assurances to fully cooperate by gathering any missing information themselves, became uncooperative when they realized that inclusion in the Business Directory automatically granted voting rights to the included businesses pursuant to the Section (3)(C) of the Whittier Alliance By-Laws.
- 5. According to correspondence from the attorney for Whittier Alliance, Ellen McVeigh dated June 11, 2013, Ms. Biehn went to Karmel Mall on July 5, 2012 and spoke with businesses whose names were provided and ended up adding 5 names out of the 101 provided names. While it was asserted in that letter that most of the individuals talked to “were not aware of the supposed request” there was no communication as to which shops were queried, who was talked to and whether the storeowner was reached.
- 6. Exhibit C includes a list of 127 business that signed a petition indicating they wanted inclusion in the business directory. The vast majority of those requests (116)

included the signature of the owner. This list was provided on February 14, 2013, nearly 4 months before the letter from Ms. McVeigh, and given the numerous signatures, should have provided convincing information that the belief that shop owners were not requesting inclusion in the Whittier Business Directory was false.

7. I attempted to run for the Whittier Alliance Board of Directors in March of 2014 and was prevented from running because the incumbent board found that I had not been sufficiently active in the Whittier Alliance to run for the board, notwithstanding the above-mentioned activities and notwithstanding the fact that nothing in the existing bylaws contained such a requirement. A true and correct copy of the denial is attached hereto as Exhibit D.
8. After the 2014 board election, in addition to pursuing the above-mentioned grievance, I challenged the incumbent Whittier board as follows:
 - a. I helped circulate a petition calling for the firing of the incumbent executive director because of the racist policies she was pursuing. We obtained a sufficient number of signatures to force a special meeting, but the incumbent board refused even to permit a vote on the firing of the executive director.
 - b. As a result of the board's refusal even to permit a vote, I helped circulate a second petition for the removal of the entire board of directors.
9. After I unsuccessfully presented a grievance protesting my exclusion as a candidate for the 2014 election, Defendant Whittier Alliance amended its bylaws to exclude from running for the Board of Directors anyone who has "committed an act of malice or defamation against Whittier Alliance or any member of its Board of Directors or otherwise disrupted the aims and purposes of the corporation."

10. I immediately recognized this provision as having been inserted for the sole purpose of preventing me, the other Plaintiffs, and people critical of the racist policies of the incumbent board and executive director from running.
11. Had it not been for this bylaw provision, I would have run for the Whittier Alliance Board of Directors in 2015.
12. I execute this affidavit in opposition to Defendants' motion to dismiss Plaintiffs' complaint and in support of Plaintiffs' motion for preliminary injunction.

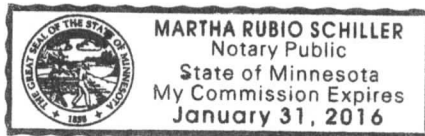


Basim Sabri

Sworn to and subscribed before me
this 22 day of April, 2015.



Notary Public



Marian@whittieralliance.org

to Basim Sabri

cc mahamed cali

Thu, Jun 14, 12 12:45 PM

RE: Meeting today

Basim

The Somali businesses that are interested in being listed in the directory will be listed. It is not as instant as you expect since we don't have an IT person on staff who does the updates. Instead, we rely on the availability of volunteers. Also, there is some missing information we need to get from the business owners. Since it is not your listing and you are not the boss of the Somali business, I will follow through on getting the information. Any of the businesses are welcome to come into the WA office and talk with me as well. They can also come to one of the community meetings and sign in and become a voting member. This would have an additional benefit of them participating in the broader discussions of neighborhood issues.

While Karmel is predominantly Somali, there are other Somalis in the neighborhood who do not live or work there. Just so you know, I am working with another Somali group in Whittier on an education grant for Somali youth and adults. There is a timeline on the application, so it takes precedence.

And to that end, I will give you a definition from the dictionary that we have/use in our office:

Webster's New Encyclopedia of Dictionaries: Compiled by: John Gage Allee, PhD. Copyright 1993 Ottenheimer Publisher, Inc. Page 161. Ghetto: *noun* a. a section to which Jews were restricted; a section of a city in which members of a national or racial group live or are restricted. (It.)

As you see, there is no negative connotation and none was intended. Whereas the Somali community is not "restricted," Karmel is a section of the city where there is a large concentration of Somali nationals who live and work there. In public hearings you have said as much.

I hope the posters are still up in Karmel Village, Square and Plaza inviting residents and businesses to the Art in the Park tonight. It is a free Improv theater show that will be entertaining. It has moved to Whittier Park due to the rain. I had distributed posters when I was there to meet with the Somali businesses.

Marian

From: Basim Sabri [mailto:Basim@sabriproperties.com]

Sent: Thursday, June 14, 2012 9:28 AM

To: marian@whittieralliance.org

Cc: calimahamed@gmail.com; Robert Speeter

Subject: FW: Meeting today

Marian,

It is apparent that you're not interested in having Somalis join the organization and to become members. It also appears that you don't want them listed in the business directory. I want to also remind you of your quote in the paper when we were building the Karmel Village that you didn't want the neighborhood to become ghettoized.

Exhibit A

Somalis have the same rights as all other neighborhood people and we will have Mohamed Cali, the liason for all the tenants, to gather all the information needed for them to be listed in the business directory. We expect you to list them in the business directory in a timely manner once you receive them. In addition, they will become voting members of the Whittier Alliance. Let me know if there's anything I can do to help in addition.

Basim Sabri

From: Basim Sabri
Sent: Monday, June 11, 2012 12:12 PM
To: Marian@whittieralliance.org
Subject: RE: Meeting today

Marian,

We are attempting to assist our tenants and you by gathering all their information and signatures. I looked at the business directory online and the only info listed for each business is the name, address and telephone number. We have already provided the business names and addresses. It will be more efficient for us to collect the phone numbers if needed and the reason we wanted to also collect signatures is for confirmation that they want to be listed in the directory. We are also familiar with what time each business opens and when the owner's are present in the order to get the information needed in a more timely manner as they are eager to get advertisement for the malls.

This would be no different than the procedure taken for those other businesses already listed in the directory. We simply want to help expedite the matter, thereby not wasting your time and the taxpayer money to get the same goal accomplished, and this is in accordance with the Whittier bylaws.

Basim Sabri

From: Marian@whittieralliance.org [Marian@whittieralliance.org]
Sent: Friday, June 08, 2012 3:47 PM
To: Basim Sabri
Cc: calimahamed@gmail.com
Subject: RE: Meeting today

Yes-

Thank you, I did receive the list on Wednesday but I had both in and out of the office meetings and also to attend a funeral that put me behind on email responses.

I will take the list and follow up with it. Thank you for sending it to me. I will be stopping by the businesses to introduce myself and get the balance of the information that is needed. This is standard procedure, no need for concern.

Given the length of the list, it will take a bit of time to catch up with everyone but it will get done.

Marian

From: Basim Sabri [mailto:Basim@sabriproperties.com]
Sent: Friday, June 08, 2012 12:19 PM
To: marian@whittieralliance.org
Cc: calimahamed@gmail.com
Subject: FW: Meeting today

Marian,

I didn't get a response on this yet so I was just following up.

Basim

From: Basim Sabri
Sent: Wednesday, June 06, 2012 11:19 AM
To: Marian@whittieralliance.org
Cc: calimahamed@gmail.com
Subject: RE: Meeting today

Hi Marian,

The tenants in both Karmel malls have approached us to help facilitate getting their businesses listed in the Whittier Alliance business directory so they can have more advertisement and exposure.

I've attached a list of businesses but wanted to pass it by you 1st to make sure once we get the business owner signatures that it will be sufficient to get them listed in the directory.

Let me know- thanks.

Basim Sabri

From: Marian@whittieralliance.org [Marian@whittieralliance.org]
Sent: Wednesday, May 30, 2012 3:49 PM
To: Basim Sabri
Cc: calimahamed@gmail.com
Subject: RE: Meeting today

Hi

I think you are aware that Mahamed Cali invited me to talk with some of the business owners later this afternoon. Nothing to worry about. I might even have some time to check out some of the scarves and fabrics at a couple of the shops. I'm looking forward to having a friendly discussion and passing on information about the Whittier Alliance and things happening in the neighborhood (park programs, free theater in the park, etc.)

Marian

From: Basim Sabri [mailto:Basim@sabriproperties.com]
Sent: Wednesday, May 30, 2012 11:41 AM
To: Marian@whittieralliance.org
Cc: calimahamed@gmail.com
Subject: RE: Meeting today

Marian:

This email is to confirm your purpose of entering the Karmel Plaza/Karmel Square malls located at 2910-2944 Pillsbury Ave. S. today. The purpose of your presence is to verify the tenant existence in Whittier neighborhood in order for them to become a voting member of the association.

If this is your sole purpose in entering the malls then Sabri Properties will be able to provide a copy of those tenant leases to confirm they are a legitimate business in the neighborhood and to justify their right to obtain voting membership per Article III of the Whittier Alliance bylaws.

Please respond if there's anything else you may need in order to grant them their voting rights.

This will be a one time authorization for you to enter the malls since you are currently under a No Trespass order from Sabri Properties. Again, please confirm the time you will be arriving to the malls today.

Basim Sabri

From: Marian@whittieralliance.org [Marian@whittieralliance.org]

Sent: Wednesday, May 30, 2012 9:35 AM

To: Basim Sabri

Cc: Mohamed Cali

Subject: Meeting today

Hi

Just an FYI that I have been invited by the Somali American Community-Mahamed Cali to meet with some of the businesses at Karmel.

Marian

Marian Biehn, Executive Director

Whittier Alliance

10 E. 25th St.

Minneapolis, MN 55404

Ph: 612-871-7756 Fax: 612-871-0650

www.whittieralliance.org

We, the undersigned, tenants at 2910 Pillsbury Ave. S. (Karmel Plaza) request to be listed in the Whittier Alliance directory effective immediately. By being listed in the directory it is our intent to become voting members of the Whittier Alliance per Article III, Section 3C. Further, please find a donation on our behalf in the amount of Five Dollars and 00/100 (\$5.00) written to Whittier Alliance in order for us to activate membership to the Whittier Alliance per Article III, Section 2C.

Business Name	Suite No.	Signature
Juba Coffee & Ice Cream	93	
Mohamud's Wife	94	
Pillsbury Wireless	95A/96	
Reliable Tax Service	95B	
Bakaal Worlwide	99	
Al-Hamdi Cafeteria	101	
Lavazza Coffee	102	
Hikma Store	104	
Kulmie Halal Meat	103/105	
Talyanle Fashion	106	
Gedi Cosmetic & Perfume	107	
A-Z Merchandise	108A/B	
Ladan Fashion	109	
Suffi Store	110A/B	
Ayaan 2	111	
Hamzeh Store	112A	
Ubah Mohamed and Abdul	112B	
Creation	113	
Sahan Studio	114A	
Imran	114B	
Fatuma Fashion	115	
5 Stars of Minnesota	117	
Deg Deg Grille	119	
Al-Amiin Store	120	
Duur Duur Clothing Store	121	
Amal Latest Fashion	122	

Sharif Fashion	123	
Kharqabe	124A/B	
Romale Clothing Store	125	
Addo Perfumes	126A	
Gorgor Store	126B	
Mohamed Jumale	127	
Sundus Beauty Jewelry	128A	
Salama Wireless	128B	
Dhuxo Store	129	
Lucky Store	131	
Tayo Café & Ice Cream	132	
Beauty Fashion/Ayman Insurance Agency	133	
Qoraxlow Restaurant	135	
Barwaqo	136A	
Kaah Express	136B	
Kosar Hussein	137	
Qoraxlow Coffee	138A/B	
Shifo Store	139	
Tawakal	140	
Billa Store	141	
Ridwan Fashion	142	
Barwaaqo	143	
International Clothing	144A	
Cedar Tobacco	144B	
Naima Hussein	145	
Amal Shop	146	
Al-Amin	147	
Amal Jama	148A	
Albakri Tailor	148B	
Duur Duur	149	
Hijab Fabric Center	150/154	
Alkowser	151	
Ayan Farah	153/155	
Yusra Jewelry	157	
Mariam Mohamed	159	

Amira	161/163	
Matan Store	165	
Allah Amin Store	167	
Karmel Halal Market	171	
Afrik Inc.	177	
Franklin Bank	179	
Dijbouti Store	181	
Daalo One Store	183	
Siraad Henna Store	184	
Qoraxlow Restaurant	185	
Karmel Community Prayer Center	200	
Oday Home Care	204	
5 Stars of Minnesota	206A	
Hassan Fashion Inc.	206B	
Universal Computer & Electronics	206C	
Uruba Coffee/Computer	207	
Hodan Global Money Wiring	208A/B	
Y&I Boutique LLC	210A	
Bakaal Worldwide Inc.	210B	
Mohamud's Wife	211	
Waryie Tax Services	212A	
People's Transportation Inc.	212B	
Ontime Accounting LLC	214	
Al-Mire	216	
Olympic Money Transfer	217	
Samiya Salon, LLC	218	
Juba Graphics	219	
Naima Store	220	
Sahal Express	221	
Henna Express	222	
Sagal Beauty Salon	223	
SomAmerican Food Dist.	224	

Zahra Fashion	225	
Mandeeq Boutique	227	
International Food Manufacturing	228	
MN Adult Day Center	233/235	
Aflah Store	234	
Amalina Hamman	236/240B	
Shamey Telecom	240A	
Khulafa Al-Rashideen	245	

Marian@whittieralliance.org

to Basim Sabri

Mon, Jun 25, 12 10:50 AM

Out of the Office

I am out of the office as of Monday, Jun 25, returning Monday, July 2.

Please be patient and I will reply to your email as soon as possible

after my return. For immediate concerns, please call the Whittier

Alliance office, at 612-871-7756.



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February 14, 2013

Marian Biehn
Whittier Alliance
10 E. 25th St.
Minneapolis, MN 55404

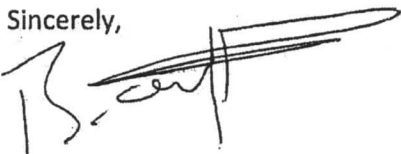
via USPS Certified Mail

Dear Ms. Biehn:

Enclosed please find the list of those tenants thus far who wish to be listed in the Whittier Alliance business directory, thereby becoming voting members of Whittier Alliance per Section 3C of the Whittier Alliance bylaws.

Please enter their names in the business directory as expediently as possible and as I stated previously if you need me to provide a technician to do so I would be more than happy to accommodate.

Sincerely,



Basim O. Sabri

BOS/rb

Exhibit B

We, the undersigned Karmel Plaza and Karmel Square tenants located at 2910 Pillsbury Ave. and 2936-44 Pillsbury Ave., wish to become voting members of Whittier Alliance by having our name listed in the Whittier Alliance business directory pursuant to Section 3C of the Whittier Alliance Bylaws. Upon your request we can also provide you with a copy of our lease agreement showing that our business is in the Whittier neighborhood.

Name of Tenant/Business	Address	Type of Business	Phone Number	Signature
Osman Abo	2940 Pillsbury Ave mpk. N N 55408 suite 126-127	Bonadir Fashion Center	651-757-6137	Osman Abo
MAHDI Mohamed	2940 Pillsbury	Mogdisho TILOR suite 124	612 419 8151	- Alex
MASRAN Hamed	2940 Pillsbury	YUSRA shop suite 108B	612 412 34677	Masran
Bachire	2940 Pillsbury	Suite 105	612 581 2882	OLIVER
Abdullahi Abdi	2940 Pillsbury	Suit 106	612 227 9325	Abdullahi
Abdur-hameed Omar	2910 Pillsbury	# 212A	952-2173989	Abdur-hameed
On-time Accoin	2910 Pillsbury	# 214	612-985-0703	On-time
Samy J. M. M.	2910 Pillsbury	Samy's Salon	612 708 8270	Samy J. M. M.
Computer & school	2910 Pillsbury #215	Computer Repair	612-250-0056	Computer & school
ILHAIL ALKHALIL	2910 Pillsbury #212	HAWAIDO	612-644-2633	ILHAIL ALKHALIL
SAGAL ABDI	2910 Pillsbury #223	SALON HAIR	612 4350313	SAGAL ABDI
SARA JAMAL	2910 Pillsbury #225	Sale	612 220 5725	SARA JAMAL
AMAL	2910 Pillsbury #226	AMALINA	612 483 9485	AMAL
Omar HASAN	2910 Pillsbury AV	# 123	612 730 2393	Omar HASAN
Ali Ibrahim	2910 Pillsbury AV	99 BAKARI	612 822 1492	Ali Ibrahim
Abdul Ibrahim	2940 Pillsbury AV 113	FAM BARBARA	612-418-2593	Abdul Ibrahim
Barni Ibrahim	2940 Pillsbury AV	SALES CLOETH	651 500 7875	Barni Ibrahim

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Name of Tenant/Business	Address	Type of Business	Phone Number	Signature
People's Choice	2910			
Mustafa Ahmad	2910 Pillsbury	Transportation	952-220-9158	Mustafa Ahmad
99 ARSHIR ALI	2910 Pillsbury	Tellurium	612-242-2608	Arshir Ali
452 Fuad Ali	2910 Pillsbury	Rehab taxi	612-501-7406	Fuad Ali
FL IBRAHIM	2910 Pillsbury	BAKAL XAWA	612-2997860	FL Ibrahim
Mohammad Issa	2910 Pillsbury	Subway fashion	612-250-3371	Mohammad Issa
Sybrs Mahmud	2910 Pillsbury	Tow Hig Taxi	612-832-8737	Sybrs Mahmud
Abdulkhman Elmi	2910 Pillsbury	Tow Hig Taxi	612-644-8467	Abdulkhman Elmi
Sunny Sun	2910 Pillsbury	Sunny Sun	612-728-8220	Sunny Sun
101 Ahmed Ismael	2910 Pillsbury	HARDI COFFEE	651-3076838	Ahmed Ismael
102 Ali Hassan	2910 Pillsbury	CAVATZA COFFEE	621-6074873	Ali Hassan
105 Adnan Hassan	2910 Pillsbury	Kulmige Diner	612-7033893	Adnan Hassan
104 Naezel Saito	2910 Pillsbury	CLIKKA Clothing	612-335-2252	Naezel Saito
106 Hakeem Halima	2910 Pillsbury	TADARU FASH	612-5013763	Hakeem Halima
109 Hakeem Halima	2910 Pillsbury	NASTIA FASH	612-	Hakeem Halima
110 BATA BAKA BAKA	2910 Pillsbury	SHO STORE	612-562-4447	BATA BAKA BAKA
111 HARIAN HANAM	2910 Pillsbury	SUN DUS ATOM	612-6361229	HARIAN HANAM
113 Ayman Elmaghrabi	2910 Pillsbury	Home Travel	612-827-4445	Ayman Elmaghrabi
Wibson Ayank	2936 Alameda Ave	HOME	612-644-6800	Wibson Ayank
FATEMO ALI	2910 Pillsbury		612-481-3167	FATEMO ALI
Abdikadir Kadi	2910 Pillsbury	Abdul BAKBAA	612-8075432	Abdikadir Kadi
ALI ABIDI	2910 Pillsbury	BAKBAK STOP	612-483-2888	ALI ABIDI
Mohamed NVR	2910 Pillsbury	DARUL GHIFAR	763-354-9067	Mohamed NVR

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Name of Tenant/Business	Address	Type of Business	Phone Number	Signature
Sadiq Ali	2910 Pillsbury	Resturant	651-815-7215	Sadiq Ali
PAT M G	2910 Pillsbury	Romelo	612-827-3718	PAT M G
Mis B	2910 Pillsbury	AMAL PAPER	612-576-5757	Mis B
Calva Kani	2910 Pillsbury	KHERRA R. #432	612-205-2453	Calva Kani
MARIAN SIYAAD	2910 Pillsbury	DOUHO STORE	763-267-3375	MARIAN SIYAAD
MASSALI SAAD	2910 Pillsbury	ADD PRODUCE	612-532-547	MASSALI SAAD
MASSALI SAAD	2910 Pillsbury	LUCKY STAR	612-229-4715	MASSALI SAAD
MADY FO HIRASI	2910 Pillsbury	SUNDUS Sewing	612-547-8877	MADY FO HIRASI
MAGY MAGMUD	2910 Pillsbury	AMANINSEANCE/Beauty fashion	612-825-1609	MAGY MAGMUD
A. D. DULHI	A-2910 Pillsbury	TAJO COFFE	763-442-6669	A. D. DULHI
	2910 Pillsbury	Curriculum Restaurant	7	
	2910 Pillsbury	Curriculum REST STREETWIES		
DAHABO IDATES	2910 Pillsbury	TILGIEL STORE	952-649-7017	DAHABO IDATES
HASAN ALI	2910 Pillsbury	SUBBA COFFE	612-967-0314	HASAN ALI
ISREA Sewing				
AMIRK MAX	2910 Pillsbury	ISREA Sewing	612-644-6101	AMIRK MAX
FATOUO MAHAMOU	2910 Pillsbury	165	612-245-5281	FATOUO MAHAMOU
KADRA FARAH	2910 Pillsbury	POUSHENA STORE	612-483-9578	KADRA FARAH
AYAN FARAH	2910 Pillsbury	STORE 153	612-642-9221	AYAN FARAH
SAMIA BARRE	2910 Pillsbury	MATANAH	612-501-7362	SAMIA BARRE
ALBARET	2910 Pillsbury	CORNER TAILOR	612-735-3702	ALBARET

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	Name of Tenant/Business	Address	Type of Business	Phone Number	Signature
+157	AGAN	2910 Pillsbury	AL KOWSEER STORE	330 310 3668	DA H H B O
	Hawo Omar	2	Al-Amen Store	612-735-6054	HAWO
	ITAZ HAYDAR	2910 PILLSBURY	Computers	651-8902369	12 Cu
+150	MOHAMMED ALI	2910 Pillsbury	TAILOR	612-644-8000	Mohammed Ali
+147	LUL MOHAMMED	2910 Pillsbury	CLOTHING	612-997-5979	Lul
	NAIMO HUSSEIN	2910 Pillsbury	SHUKH SHOP	612 229 0863	NAIMO HUSSEIN
	KADROTSSA	2910 Pillsbury	SHAWARMA STORE	612 227 1457	KADROTSSA
	AMINA TOSANE	2910 Pillsbury	BALAH BAKERY	612 559 6080	AMINA
	AMIA FATIMA AHMED	2910 Pillsbury	RADWAN STORE	952 649 0036	FATIMA AHMED
	AMAL MOHAMMED	2910 Pillsbury	SAITO	614 218 9090	AMAL MOHAMMED
2005 MVR	FOOS MVR	2910 Pillsbury	TAWAKAL STORE	612 596 7662	FOOS MVR
	SHERKH ADAN	2910 Pillsbury	UNIVERSAL COMPUTER	612 250 9558	ADAN
	KAR SHAKH ABDUL	2910 Pillsbury	KARAMEL C. FUNERAL	612 490 3562	KAR SHAKH ABDUL
2011/07 2016 CEN	ALAN ALI	2910 Pillsbury	ALAN ALI STORE	612 322 6860	ALAN ALI
	FATIMA MOHAMMED	2910 Pillsbury	ARABIA STORE	612 636 7698	FATIMA MOHAMMED
	WAFIQ TRAVEL	2910 Pillsbury	WAFIQ TRAVEL	612 353 9699	WAFIQ TRAVEL
	MOUSTAPHE	2910 Pillsbury	People Transportation	952 220 9150	MOUSTAPHE
	ALI KSE	2910 Pillsbury	Optum account	612-986-0703	ALI KSE
	ABDIKADIR MOHAMMED	2910 PILLSBURY	shoe store	612-886-5415	ABDIKADIR MOHAMMED
	KAMIL ABDEL	2910 PILLSBURY	olympic	612-208-0743	KAMIL ABDEL
	ZAKARIA ISMAIL	2910 Pillsbury	Karmel Market	612 245 5306	ZAKARIA ISMAIL
	Degam Fibril	2910 Pillsbury	Degam Store	(612) 408 7556	DA G A M

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We, the undersigned Karmel Plaza and Karmel Square tenants located at 2910 Pillsbury Ave. and 2936-44 Pillsbury Ave., wish to become voting members of Whittier Alliance by having our name listed in the Whittier Alliance business directory pursuant to Section 3C of the Whittier Alliance Bylaws. Upon your request we can also provide you with a copy of our lease agreement showing that our business is in the Whittier neighborhood.

Name of Tenant/Business	Address	Type of Business	Phone Number	Signature
MAHDI MOHAMED	2940 PIL	MOUS DISHO TAILOR	612 419 8151	<i>[Signature]</i>
NAMIR DAYHA	2940 PILLSBURY	RETAIL	612-298-9080	<i>[Signature]</i>
LIBAN SHUKIT	2940 PILLSBURY	BOREBAAR	612-996-1155	<i>[Signature]</i>
OMAR HANANUD	2940 PILLSBURY	DRY CLEANER	612 254 4773	<i>[Signature]</i>
DALI ALI SAMI	2940 PILLSBURY	HOLO SALE FURNITURE STORE	612 876 8813	<i>[Signature]</i>
Abdi MAHAMED	2940 PILLSBURY	HAMARUYNAL KAG	612 644 5066	<i>[Signature]</i>
DEEPA ABDI	2940 PILLSBURY	ALPINE SHOOP	651 434 9405	<i>[Signature]</i>
Karamel CAFE	2940 PILLSBURY	Karamel CAFE	612 886 5441	<i>[Signature]</i>
Osman Abo	2940 PILLSBURY	CLOCKING	651-757-6131	<i>[Signature]</i>
Ahmed Waseem	2940 PILLSBURY	TAX SERVICE	612 807 5490	<i>[Signature]</i>
Abdul IZRAHIM	2940 PILLSBURY	BARBARA SHOP	612 418 2593	<i>[Signature]</i>
HALIMO YUSUF	2940 PILLSBURY	EV SALES CENTER	612 286 3061	<i>[Signature]</i>
HODAN ISSA	2940 PILLSBURY	CALIFASHION	612 205 4422	<i>[Signature]</i>
IRADO KAHIN	2940 PILLSBURY	AL KASO AL	612 974 7552	<i>[Signature]</i>
Uban DIRYE	2940 PILLSBURY	CLOTHING STORE	206 366 5086	<i>[Signature]</i>
HANANUD ALI	2940 PILLSBURY	SAFARI CAFE	612 823 5367	<i>[Signature]</i>
Abdullah Abuker	2940 PILLSBURY	STON SICOIN	763 843 6669	<i>[Signature]</i>
YUSUF OSMAN	2940 PILLSBURY	STON SICOIN	612 612 8-9999	<i>[Signature]</i>
KADIHO ABDULLAH	2940 PILLSBURY	OMNI KUDA	612 978 5394	<i>[Signature]</i>
LULE DOLE ALI	2940 PILLSBURY	CHARA F STORE	612-823 3272	<i>[Signature]</i>
Mohamud Mohamed	2944 PILLSBURY	DAY AL-SHARIF	952 215-5468	<i>[Signature]</i>

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Basim Sabri

Wed, Mar 20, 13 10:34 AM

to Marian@whittieralliance.org

cc lance.knuckles@minneapolisismn.gov; Bob Speeter

RE: Request to add Whittier Alliance Business Directory

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Marian,

If you need proof that those businesses exist and have the right to vote at the neighborhood meeting as indicated in the bylaws, I will provide a copy of their lease as I indicated previously. Per your flyer it says that they should provide either a utility bill, real estate tax statement, bank or payroll statement, W2 or IRS form or business license. Clearly these are all means to prevent my tenants from voting at the Whittier Alliance meeting since they would not have any of the above since 1) they do not pay the utility bills for the malls (Sabri does) 2) they do not pay the real estate taxes for the malls (Sabri does) 3) most of the businesses are retail stores so are not required to have a business license from the City of Mpls 4) most of the businesses are owned and run by a sole proprietor so do not issue W2's or payroll to themselves and IRS forms will only have their home address listed.

There are approximately 150 businesses between both Karmel malls and they have been a part of this community for over 10 years. Every time those tenants try to participate in our democratic process and try to be a part of the neighborhood you find a way to stop them from doing so. These arbitrary rules set forth by you are designed so that my tenants cannot participate in the election process in Whittier.

You can vote for the President, Congressmen and local politicians by providing a lease however Whittier will not accept this as proof? It's clear to anyone looking in from the outside that this is a discriminatory form to prevent the Somalis from participating.

Because you have put forth rules that prevent them from providing proof in order for those Whittier businesses to become members and participate in Whittier Alliance we chose to help them become members through per Article III, Section 3C of the Whittier Alliance bylaws so we previously sent you names, addresses and signatures of many of Karmel business owners requesting that they be listed in the Whittier business directory.

You have had ample time to list them in the directory, however you have chosen not to thereby preventing them from participating. On more than one occasion I have offered my staff assistance to help you enter those businesses in the Whittier directory, however you have intentionally ignored me.

Exhibit C

To this date there are only 6 Karmel mall businesses listed in the directory.

It's obvious that you, Marian, are the one who runs the Whittier board and not the others. And it is clear that you are racist against the Somalis in the neighborhood. The Somalis constitute a large part of Whittier but yet none of them are on the board, because you prevent them from doing so.

And again I want to remind you that you were quoted in the Star Tribune saying that you don't want to ghettoize the neighborhood when I was building the Karmel Village building which would bring more Somalis into the neighborhood. It is obvious that you are racist.

I am attaching the list of businesses that we sent you over a month ago that requested to be listed in the directory. At this time I insist that you and/or your staff immediately enter those businesses into the Whittier business directory which will allow them to vote at tomorrow's meeting and if you don't have time then I will personally send one of our staff to enter them into the computer today, free of charge.

If you do not list them in the Whittier business directory by tomorrow we will take legal action against you and Whittier Alliance.

Basim Sabri

From: Marian@whittieralliance.org [Marian@whittieralliance.org]

Sent: Tuesday, March 19, 2013 5:21 PM

To: Basim Sabri

Subject: RE: Request to add Whittier Alliance Business Directory

Hi Basim

A lease is not an accepted form of proof--from anyone--business or resident. There are several forms that can be provided as proof and that list has been distributed, posted, emailed and announced for the past 6 weeks and is part of our standard meeting notice information. I know businesses in Karmel have been made aware of this. At the Annual Meeting our membership list has to be renewed. All people attending the annual meeting or any meeting are given the same information and need to meet the same criteria.

Marian

-----Original Message-----

From: Basim Sabri [mailto:Basim@sabriproperties.com]

Sent: Tuesday, March 19, 2013 2:24 PM

To: <Marian@whittieralliance.org>

Subject: RE: Request to add Whittier Alliance Business Directory

Hi Marian,

We have several tenants asking us for their lease to show as proof that they have a business at Karmel Mall.

I know you received the signatures and businesses at Karmel to be added to the Business Directory on your website, but would you prefer that we send you a list of our current tenants?

Let me know,

Basim=

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Whittier Board Candidacy

Marian@whittieralliance.org

Thu 3/20/2014 11:56 AM

To: Marian Biehn <marian@whittieralliance.org>;

Hello

Thank you for submitting your application for Whittier Alliance Board Candidacy. The Board met and reviewed all applications and determined that you do not meet all of the eligibility criteria at this time.

The job description you received for a position on the Board indicates that Board members are legally responsible for all activities of the organization, which is true for all Minnesota nonprofit corporations such as Whittier Alliance. The job description sets out specific categories of responsibility, including human resources, planning, finance, community relations, and organizational operations. The application for the Board position requested information about your experience working with Whittier Alliance, your skills and your interest in being a Board member. Because of the legal and financial responsibilities required of a member of the Board of Directors, the Board of Directors has determined that Board candidate eligibility rests not only on an applicant's residence or ownership of business or property in the Whittier neighborhood, but also on an applicant's documented history of engagement with the organization and support for the aims and purposes of Whittier Alliance (a criteria specified in Article III, Section 1 of the Bylaws). Your application did not indicate that you have participated in Whittier Alliance activities in the past and, for that reason, your application was not approved at this time.

We encourage you to actively participate in Whittier Alliance sponsored events in order to gain knowledge about the organization, its programs and its operations. With that experience, we encourage you to reapply to become a member of the Board of Directors of Whittier Alliance

Regards

Marian Biehn, Executive Director
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